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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH MALIK

1. FIVE ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST AROSE IN COURSE OF MY MEETING ALONE TODAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK AT HIS HOTEL, AS OUTLINED BELOW. HE APOLOGIZED FOR HAVING TO CANCEL OUR LUNCHEON YESTERDAY, BUT HE HAD TO DELAY IN SYDNEY BECAUSE OF BUSINESS RELATED TO SENDING INDONESIAN UNEF BATTALION TO MIDDLE EAST.

2. CAMBODIA: I NOTED PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM'S STATEMENT AT TODAY'S PRESS CONFERENCE REGARDING AUSTRALIA'S POSITION NOT TO CONTINUE TO ESF SUPPORT TO CAMBODIA. MALIK HAD NOT HEARD OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, EXPRESSING SURPRISE AND CONSIDERABLE CONCERN. HE SAID HE WOULD TAKE THE MATTER UP WITH NEW FOREIGN MINISTER WILLESEE WHEN  
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HE SEES HIM THIS EVENING OR TOMORROW TO POINT OUT HOW THIS MOVE

WILL UNDERMINE SUPPORT FOR LON NOL'S GOVERNMENT, UNDERCUT PROSPECTS FOR NEGOTIATIONS AND THUS BE OF GREAT CONCERN TO SEA COUNTRIES, INCLUDING INDONESIA. MALIK WILL DO THIS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO OUR CONVERSATION.

3. SOUTHWEST PACIFIC CONSULTATIVE GROUP: DURING HIS JUST CONCLUDED TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND, PRIME MINISTER KIRK ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED INDONESIA'S WILLINGNESS TO JOIN IN A NEW SOUTHWEST PACIFIC REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP INCLUDING AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, INDONESIA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, AND ISLAND COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC, AS WELL AS UK AND FRANCE BECAUSE OF THEIR POSSESSIONS THERE (US NOT INCLUDED). MALIK COMMENTED THAT HE COULD SEE NO DISADVANTAGE IN SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT AND IN VIEW OF LIMITATIONS ON OTHER NEW REGIONAL GROUPINGS BECAUSE OF DIVIDED COUNTRY PROBLEMS, ETC., THIS WAS PROBABLY AS GOOD A NEW ARRANGEMENT AS POSSIBLE. ISSUE WAS NOT RAISED DURING HIS TALKS IN AUSTRALIA. WHILE EN ROUTE HERE, MALIK WAS INTERCEPTED BY AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL IN SYDNEY WHO ASKED THAT HE NOT TAKE THIS MATTER UP WITH WHITLAM OR WILLESEE BECAUSE AUSTRALIA'S POSITION HAD NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED.

4. PRC AFFAIRS: KIRK CONFIDED TO MALIK HIS CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF PRC EMBASSY ACTIVITIES AMONG STUDENTS AND OTHERS IN NEW ZEALAND. MALIK'S REACTION TO KIRK WAS THAT THIS KIND OF THING IS TO BE EXPECTED, ALTHOUGH HE EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT STUDENTS WERE BEING ACTIVATED BY PRC AGAINST NZG. HE THOUGHT TARGET WAS USSR, US, AND POSSIBLY OTHERS. IN THIS CONNECTION, MALIK SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN PRESSED BY WHITLAM DURING HIS VISIT HERE REGARDING ASEAN COUNTRIES RECOGNIZING PRC. HE HAD, HOWEVER, EXPRESSED INDONESIA'S RESERVATIONS OVER RECOGNITION (INCLUDING KINDS OF PROBLEMS NZG NOW ALLEGEDLY FACING) AND SAID THAT INDONESIA WOULD BE LAST OF ASEAN COUNTRIES TO RECOGNIZE PRC. HE THOUGHT THAT WOULD BE A LONG TIME OFF.

5. INDONESIAN OIL: I ASKED MALIK ABOUT GENERAL IBNU SUTOWO'S STATEMENT IN NEW YORK ABOUT ADDITIONAL AVAILABILITIES OF INDONESIAN OIL TO THE US. MALIK SAID THIS STATEMENT GAVE HIM GREAT DIFFICULTIES. SUTOWO HAD BEEN UNDER DIRECT INSTRUCTIONS FROM SUHARTO NOT TO MAKE ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS OF THIS KIND. OBVIOUSLY, MALIK CONCLUDED, US AND JAPAN WILL BE PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES OF ANY

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INCREASED INDONESIAN OIL PRODUCTION, BUT TO COMMENT ON THIS PUBLICLY IS CERTAIN TO INVITE ARAB COUNTERPRESSURES AGAINST INDONESIA.  
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